



## LOUISIANA SENATE

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### **GOVERNOR SIGNS ANIMAL SHELTER REGISTRY BILL**

This week, Governor John Bel Edwards signed an important measure to assist animal shelters in complying with regulations into state law. The measure, Senate Bill 216 (now Act 381) by Senator Troy A. Carter, Sr., establishes the Louisiana Animal Shelter Registry.

Parish governing authorities can voluntarily submit a list of the animal shelters in their parishes to the registry. The purpose of the registry is to enable the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission to carry out its duties of ensuring that animal shelters in the state are operating in compliance with state law and that animals are being sheltered properly.

Animal welfare activists and government officials gather in the Governor's office for the signing of Senate Bill 216 by Senator Carter. Pictured here from left to right are: Jeff Dorson, Executive Director of the Humane Society of Louisiana; Holly F. Reynolds, founder of the Capital Area Animal Welfare Society; Ann Zorrilla, CEO of Louisiana SPCA; John Gallagher, LMA Governmental Director; Karen White, LMA; Ashley Delrie, Shelter Inspections & Development Director; Ashley



Tassin, Director of Governmental Affairs, Police Jury Association; Hilton Cole, EBR Animal Control Director of Enforcement; Paulette Bailey Wilson, LMA; Governor John Bel Edwards; Senator Troy Carter; and Juanita Murphy, Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission.

For more information please contact Senator Carter's office at 504.302.3682.

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